

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Taylor Brown, on February 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R) (arrived after roll call)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 213, 1/28/2015  
SB 255, 2/02/2015

##### **Executive Action:**

HB 157 - Be Concurred In  
SJ 10 - Do Pass  
SB 107 - Do Pass As Amended

**HEARING ON SB 213**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:20 Sen. Fred Thomas (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 213, Provide for school safety.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:58 Dave Whitesell, superintendent, Stevensville Public Schools  
00:08:08 Tammy Lacey, superintendent, Great Falls Public Schools  
00:11:38 Jonathan R. Jackson, student assistance and safety programs manager, Helena Public Schools  
00:18:25 Tim Johnson, superintendent, Corvallis School District No. 1  
00:20:27 Les Meyer, superintendent, Fairfield Public Schools  
00:23:32 Steve York, assistant superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

**[EXHIBIT\(eds27a01\)](#)**

00:28:44 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association, (MTSBA)

**[EXHIBIT\(eds27a02\)](#)**

00:31:32 Dave Puyear, Montana Rural Education Association

00:32:32 Pat Audet, School Administrators of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:17 Sen. Cohenour  
00:34:59 Sen. Thomas  
00:36:05 Sen. Facey  
00:36:30 Mr. Vogel, MTSBA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:49 Sen. Thomas

00:39:01 Chairman Brown turned over Chair responsibilities to Vice Chair Mark Blasdel.

**HEARING ON SB 255**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:18 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 255, Revise laws for advancing agricultural education.

**[EXHIBIT\(eds27a03\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:45:47 Bill Jimmerson, retired agriculture teacher and former Future Farmers of America (FFA) advisor  
00:48:39 Jodi Koterba, agriculture and industrial technology teacher, Great Falls Public Schools  
00:51:13 Kaitlyn Koterba, student, Great Falls Public Schools; member, FFA  
00:53:47 Shelia Schenk, agriculture teacher, Huntley Project Schools (HPS)  
00:56:55 Eric Tillemann, agriculture teacher, Cascade High School; past president, Montana Association of Agriculture Education  
00:59:32 Bonita Cremer, Montana FFA alumni and school board trustee  
01:01:07 Chelcie Cremer, Montana Farm Bureau Federation and Montana Stockgrowers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:33 Sen. Moe  
01:03:55 Ms. Schenk, HPS  
01:04:00 Sen. Moe  
01:04:07 Ms. Schenk  
01:04:33 Sen. Moe  
01:05:02 Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:05:28 Sen. Brown  
01:05:59 Sen. Jones entered the hearing.  
01:08:31 Chairman Brown resumed the role as Chair.  
Sen. Hansen left the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 157**

01:10:02 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 157 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

01:10:22 Sen. Facey  
01:10:28 Sen. Jones  
01:10:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hansen was excused. Sen. Facey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10**

01:11:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. L. Jones moved that **SJ 10 DO PASS**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hansen was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107**

01:13:01 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 107 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

01:13:11 Chairman Brown

01:14:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT**(eds27a04)

01:15:16 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 107 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

01:18:16 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT**(eds27a05)

**Discussion:**

01:19:25 Sen. Jones

01:20:23 Chairman Brown

01:20:50 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

01:22:54 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED**.

**EXHIBIT**(eds27a06)

**Discussion:**

01:23:36 Sen. Cohenour

01:25:10 Chairman Brown

01:26:03 Sen. Facey

01:27:11 Chairman Brown

01:27:37 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:28:32 Sen. Cohenour

01:29:18 Chairman Brown

01:29:49 Mr. McCracken, LSD

01:30:36 Sen. Cohenour

01:30:46 Mr. McCracken

01:31:19 Sen. Cohenour

01:32:10 Chairman Brown

01:32:34 Sen. Jones

01:32:53 Chairman Brown

01:32:57 Sen. Jones

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01:33:03 Sen. Facey  
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01:35:53 Sen. Facey  
01:37:05 Chairman Brown  
01:37:16 Sen. Facey  
01:37:31 Chairman Brown  
01:37:36 Mr. McCracken  
01:37:53 Sen. Cohenour  
01:38:29 Mr. McCracken  
01:40:01 Chairman Brown  
01:40:24 Mr. McCracken  
01:41:07 Chairman Brown  
01:41:22 Sen. Facey

01:42:01 Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

01:42:11 Chairman Brown

01:42:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye.

01:43:17 **Motion:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(eds27a07)

**Discussion:**

01:43:23 Sen. Facey  
01:45:31 Chairman Brown  
01:46:44 Sen. Cohenour  
01:47:45 Chairman Brown  
01:48:06 Sen. Moe  
01:49:00 Chairman Brown

01:50:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye.

01:50:37 Chairman Brown

01:51:32 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(eds27a08)

**Discussion:**

01:51:50 Sen. Cohenour  
01:52:46 Chairman Brown

01:53:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye.

01:54:17 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 107 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(eds27a09)

**Discussion:**

01:54:30 Sen. Cohenour  
01:56:54 Chairman Brown  
01:57:34 Mr. McCracken

01:57:36 Sen. Keenan left the hearing.

01:57:40 Chairman Brown  
01:57:45 Mr. McCracken  
01:58:13 Chairman Brown  
01:58:18 Mr. McCracken  
01:58:22 Chairman Brown  
01:58:30 Mr. McCracken  
01:59:06 Chairman Brown  
01:59:35 Mr. McCracken  
01:59:38 Chairman Brown  
01:59:53 Sen. Cohenour  
02:02:08 Sen. Facey  
02:02:41 Sen. Jones  
02:04:57 Sen. Moe  
02:06:34 Sen. Cohenour

02:07:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

02:08:34 Sen. Facey  
02:11:06 Chairman Brown  
02:13:34 Sen. Moe  
02:14:11 Chairman Brown  
02:14:24 Sen. Moe  
02:14:34 Chairman Brown  
02:14:42 Sen. Jones  
02:16:47 Chairman Brown  
02:17:07 Sen. Moe  
02:18:33 Sen. Facey  
02:18:49 Chairman Brown  
02:18:54 Sen. Cohenour  
02:22:51 Chairman Brown

02:23:59 **Vote:** Do Pass As Amended motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey and Sen. Moe voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:24 PM

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Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds27aad.pdf](#))